

honors. Also awarded all-tournament honors were Nadine Muzerall, Winny Brodt and Courtney Kennedy.

As the popularity of women's hockey spreads throughout the nation, Minnesotans have embraced the sport—and their Golden Gophers. Now the program is poised to lead the charge towards greater advancements in women's athletics. I commend the women's dedication and relentless hard work. With only one graduating senior on this year's Gopher squad, I am hopeful for many more national championships.●

WITTMAN FAMILY WINS MILLENNIUM FARM/RANCH FAMILY AWARD

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to bring your attention to the recent accomplishment of the Wittman family from my home state of Idaho. Today, they will be receiving the Millennium Farm/Ranch Family Award for agricultural and forestry stewardship. I know you join Idaho and myself in extending to the Wittman family congratulations on this achievement.

The Wittman family has worked their land near Lapwai, Idaho since the early 1920's. They have used that knowledge to give us an on the ground perspective when we have written farm policy. Most recently, their views helped shape the reforms made to the crop insurance program.

Wittman Farms is a fourth-generation family farm operation using sound conservation and stewardship practices. In 1988, the family joined forces with the nearby Valley Boys and Girls Clubs to build "Camp Wittman," a totally solar-powered destination where students and educators can share in a hands-on environmental experience to learn farming practices in the mountain meadow environment of the Palouse.

The Wittman Family has given to our youth, our educators, our local and national governments, and broken ground for more than just the purposes of next year's crop.

In these tough times for farmers, agriculture needs leaders who indeed look to the future while learning from the past. I am proud to honor the Wittman family as a Millennium Farm/Ranch Family Award winners and proud to call them fellow Idahoans.

It is indeed my pleasure as an Idaho Senator to honor the Wittman family as agriculture pioneers for Idaho—and to thank them for contributing so much to our next millennium in Agriculture. I know you and my colleagues in the Senate join me in offering our congratulations to the Wittman family.

Thank you, Mr. President.●

TRIBUTE TO DOVEY J. ROUNDTREE

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, the American Bar Association Commission

on Women in the Profession announced in February the winners of the 2000 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards.

Among those worthy recipients was Dovey J. Roundtree, General Counsel for the National Council of Negro Women, whom I have been privileged to know for many years.

As a former law clerk to Federal Circuit Judge Prettyman, then as an Assistant United States Attorney, followed by private practice in the greater metropolitan area of Washington, DC, I came to know and admire the professional achievements of Attorney Roundtree.

She is most deserving of this recognition for her tireless efforts to help others.

The award Mrs. Roundtree has earned is named for the first woman lawyer in America, Margaret Brent. She arrived in the Colonies in 1638, and was involved in 124 court cases over the course of eight years, winning every case. In 1648, she formally demanded the right to vote in the Maryland Assembly, but her petition was denied by the Governor.

These awards were established in 1991 to honor outstanding women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence in their area of specialty and have actively worked to help other women lawyers.

Attorney Roundtree and her work have been admired for more than three decades. She has been a leading civil rights lawyer, an Army veteran, an ordained minister and a resident of Spotsylvania.

She is a founding partner of the Washington, DC, law firm of Roundtree, Knox, Hunter and Parker, and she served for 35 years as General Counsel to the National Council of Negro Women and as special consultant for legal affairs to the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Roundtree attend Howard University Law School on the GI Bill and went on to break legal ground in both civil and criminal law. Her 1955 bus desegregation victory before the Interstate Commerce Commission, Sarah Keys versus Carolina Coach Company, was critically important in the legal battle for civil rights.

She was the first black woman admitted to the Bar Association of the District of Columbia and actively recruited other black women attorneys.

Dovey J. Roundtree is most deserving of this award.●

NATIONAL D.O. DAY

● Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today, Thursday, April 13, is National D.O. Day. I therefore want to take this opportunity to recognize the 45,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) across the country for their contributions to the American healthcare system. For more than a century, D.O.s have made a difference in the lives and health of Americans everywhere. They have treated

presidents and Olympic athletes. They have helped to keep children well and have contributed to the fight against AIDS. Today, members of the osteopathic medical profession serve as U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, the chief medical officer for the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army.

As fully licensed physicians able to prescribe medication and perform surgery, D.O.s are committed to serving the health needs of rural and underserved communities. They make up 15 percent of the total physician population in towns of 10,000 or less. In addition, 64 percent of D.O.s practice in the primary care areas of medicine, fulfilling a need for more primary care physicians in an era marked by the growth of managed care. Their contributions have been particularly important in rural states like Maine.

More than 100 million patient visits are made each year to D.O.s. D.O.s approach their patients as "whole people." They don't just treat a specific illness or injury. D.O.s take into account home and work environments, as well as lifestyle, when assessing overall health. This approach provides Americans with high quality healthcare—patients seen as people, not just an illness or injury.

From the state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a major city to a clinic in a rural Maine community, D.O.s continue to practice the kind of medicine that Andrew Taylor Still envisioned over 100 years ago when he founded the profession.

It was my pleasure to meet today with two representatives of the osteopathic medical profession visiting our Capitol from Maine. The University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM), in Biddeford, is the only medical school in my home state. To the more than 400 osteopathic physicians in Maine, the approximately 1,100 graduates of UNECOM, and the 45,000 D.O.s represented by the American Osteopathic Association—congratulations on your contributions to the good health of the American people. I look forward to working with you to further our mutual goal of improving our nation's health care.●

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT VANMETER'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanMeter, who on April 22, 2000, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married at a simple ceremony on a Friday evening by a clergyman named Grover W. Cleveland. Since that evening, the two have shared the highs and lows of life together, lending support and comfort to the other whenever there has been need.

Mr. Robert VanMeter served in the 82d Airborne in Italy. He loved his job, and was particularly fond of taking